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It has been a very rewarding year here at the Orange County Library System. We accomplished so much in 2017, and we have so many blessings to count. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve our community, and we are also very grateful for you.

With your help, our library system gives children, teens and adults a chance to reach their fullest potential. Last year, you helped us raise more than $10,000 to support library programs. Your donations helped us fund so many things, including STEM education programs for kids, educational programs for adults and our very popular Summer Reading Program, which drew more than 100,000 people to the library this summer to learn and grow together.

Your gift is extremely important because it helps us fund programs that aren’t otherwise covered by the library budget – programs like Prime Time Family Reading, which gives families a chance to sit down, unplug and share a meal while listening to storytellers, or the Melrose Creative Expo, which offers the community a chance to interact with exciting new technologies in a fun, accessible environment suitable for all ages.

Modern libraries are about more than just books. They’re about transforming lives by cultivating talent and giving people opportunities, and we rely on your generous donation to make our library system the best it can be.

As your financial year comes to a close, I hope you will consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Orange County Library System. You can donate quickly and easily online. Simply visit ocls.info/donatenow. Rest assured that 100 percent of your donation remains in this community and helps support the library.

We hope you’ll come visit us at the Orange County Library System soon. You might be surprised to see all we have to offer!

With gratitude,

Mary Anne Hodel
Library Director/CEO

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Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive  
Orlando Public Library, 1st Floor  
On Display Through January  
The Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive is a one-way, 11-mile journey through an extraordinary wildlife habitat and restoration project gaining national attention as a huge destination for birders, wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers. The Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive exhibition features a collection of over 40 photographs displaying some of the resident bird, alligator, cat, turtle and snake species that call Lake Apopka home.

The Color of Magic:  
The Art of JJ Dennis  
Southwest Branch  
On Display Through December  
This dynamic exhibit focuses on color and features a collection of photographs and mixed-media works that explore the artist’s perception of reality and love of the fantastical. JJ Dennis’ work has been on display at galleries and museums throughout Central Florida and Clearwater Beach.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS INC  
CALL FOR ARTISTS  
2017 Art Competition  
"Celebrating the Genius of Women"  
at the Orlando Public Library.

CALL FOR ARTISTS:  
CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF WOMEN  
Women in the Arts Inc. and the Orange County Library System invite professional female artists to submit their work to be featured in the upcoming Annual exhibition Celebrating the Genius of Women, at the Orlando Public Library in March and April 2018. Finalists chosen from the entries submitted will be eligible for $2,000 in cash prizes and gallery representation at Baterby’s Art Gallery. Apply online at womeninthearts.org/art-competition. Submissions must be received by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24.
A Musical Journey
Through Florida
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m.
Chris Kahl will take audiences on a “Musical Journey Through Florida” with a folk-style performance highlighting key aspects in Florida history. This all-ages show features original songs and stories that cover a wealth of Florida history, characters and folklore.

SEAN GASKELL FEATURES
THE WEST AFRICAN KORA
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 3, 2 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, December 9, 2 p.m.
Sean Gaskell will perform on the Kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. Gaskell’s performances will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the Kora’s musical repertoire, in addition to some of his own personal compositions. Gaskell has mesmerized audiences across the U.S., The Gambia and Senegal with his heartrending performances. Gaskell studied the Kora under the instruction of Malamini Jobarteh and Moriba Kuyateh throughout multiple visits to Brikama, The Gambia.

Marie M. Loeffler
Solo Handbell Artist
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 10, 2 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Sunday, December 17, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a concert of inspiring music performed by solo handbell artist Marie M. Loeffler. The delightful stories behind the songs are combined with amusing bell facts and techniques in this engaging musical program. To learn more about Marie, visit belldancer.net.

Mark Looney, Pianist/Composer
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Friday, December 15, 12 p.m.
Enjoy a selection of holiday music performed by pianist/composer Mr. Mark Looney. Mr. Looney will perform arrangements from his most recent holiday album Reflections of Christmas. To learn more about Mr. Looney, visit marklooney.com.
STAR WARS WEEK AT ALAFAYA
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Maker Monday: Star Wars
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 11, 4:30 p.m.
Maker spaces foster learning through hands-on tinkering and play. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments in this special Star Wars themed program. Ages 8–15. Registration required.

Jedi Training Academy
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, December 12, 4:30 p.m.
Is the Force strong with you? Find out at the Jedi Training Academy! We will work on proper training protocols, practice our Force skills and leave with a craft. Ages 6–12. Registration required.

Star Wars Trivia
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 13, 6 p.m.
Test your knowledge of all things Star Wars. This is a family event where everyone can work together and have fun. All ages.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens Movie
Alafaya Branch
Friday, December 15, 2–4:30 p.m.
Get ready for the new Star Wars movie by watching The Force Awakens. This movie is PG-13.

EVEN MORE STAR WARS

Star Wars Rebel Outpost
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 6 p.m.
Come join us at the coolest cantina this side of the galaxy. Enjoy snacks and create crafts inspired by the Star Wars universe. Ages 6–12.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens Movie Screening
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Prepare for the release of Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi on December 15th by watching Episode VII: The Force Awakens.

Star Wars Party!
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 16, 2:30 p.m.
Attention Jedi Knights, Sith Lords and all other galactic beings! You are invited to a Star Wars party that will be cooler than Hoth and hotter than Tatooine. Wear your Star Wars costume and enjoy crafts, movies, snacks and more! Ages 6–12.

Star Wars: The Return of BB-8 and R2-D2
Southeast Branch
Saturday, December 16, 3 p.m.
Do you sense the force? Get into gear with galactic games and activities that celebrate the Star Wars Universe. Costumes welcome! Registration required.

STAR WARS CELEBRATION
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Join us at the Alafaya Library for an all day Star Wars celebration! Visit Mos Eisley Cantina to watch Star Wars movies on the big screen and for a galactic storytime with the last Jedi herself. In between the entertainment, travel to the Niima Outpost for crafts and snacks throughout the day. These events are for all ages, so we hope to see both Padawans and full Jedi alike. May the Force be with you all.
Yoga for Stress Relief
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 2, 2:30 p.m.
Join Jen Larsen, certified yoga instructor, to breathe, stretch and get centered with a stress-relieving yoga practice designed to relax the body and calm the mind. Focus on deep breathing and correct alignment, moving through a sequence of poses appropriate even for the newest beginner. No prior yoga experience needed. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes allowing for freedom of movement. Yoga mat/towel encouraged. Registration required. Ages 15 and up.

Orlando Public Library
Pokémon League
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sundays, December 3 & 17, 3 p.m.
Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle for fun or for glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game, Pokémon video games and even Pokkén Tournament. Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome. ocls.info/pokemon.

CareerSource Central Florida
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 11, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 11, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, December 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, December 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Come spend time with the experts from CareerSource Central Florida to explore the services they provide and get connected to employment opportunities using career counseling, skill development, workshops and more.

Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce
Herndon Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.
Before making any financial decisions regarding your divorce, become aware of potential pitfalls and learn the smart questions you should be asking. Learn how all assets are not created equal and how taxes affect your settlement. It is crucial you get the right information to successfully navigate your finances both pre- and post-divorce.

Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Assistance
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesdays, December 5 & 12, 4–8:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursdays, December 7 & 14, 2–8 p.m.
Don’t miss the 2018 Open Enrollment, when you can enroll in a health insurance plan. Certified Navigators will be providing Free Enrollment Appointments. The Open Enrollment Period for 2018 ends December 15, 2017. Appointments can be made online by visiting CoveringCFL.net or calling 877-564-5031.

Yoga for Every Body
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for an introductory yoga class designed to work on the basics in a safe and comfortable setting. Yoga uses postures, called asanas, and conscious breathing to develop awareness of the body, build strength and flexibility, and provide relaxation. Participants should wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat or towel and a bottle of water. You don’t have to be able to touch your toes, you just have to be willing to try!

Craft Club
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m.
Arts and crafts aren’t just for kids! Release your inner child and come to adult crafting. This month, join us to learn how to make Kanzashi folded fabric flowers.

BULLET JOURNALING
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Monday, December 4 & 11, 6:30 p.m.
Mark the conclusion of our five-week Bullet Journaling series in your notebooks! The Bullet Journal is a customizable organization system, created by Ryder Carroll. Join us on December 4 as we cover migration, and again on December 11 where we will wrap up the series with an overall review. Attendees are encouraged to bring a pen and notebook. For more information on the Bullet Journal, visit bulletjournal.com.
Are You Grant Ready?
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
This workshop will prepare you on the ins and outs of reading, understanding and writing a grant. Topics range from incorporating in the State of Florida, getting your EIN number, Dun and Bradstreet number, city and county license and more! You will learn about financial responsibility, donations, marketing, leasing or buying commercial real estate, successfully running your business and/or your non-profit organization and retirement planning. Space is limited. Registration required. To register call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info.

Plant Clinic
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, December 7, 2–4 p.m.
Bring your plants, get your soil pH tested and ask questions! Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions and to assess any plant issues.

First Time Home Buyer Workshop
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, December 9, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Learn about the home-buying process from start to finish in this first-time home buyer class presented by Operation HOPE Inc. Attendees will receive a certificate that meets the requirements for both Orange County and State of Florida Down Payment Assistance Programs. Operation HOPE Inc. is a nonprofit HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency. To learn more about Operation HOPE Inc., visit operationhope.org. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.446.1931 or email Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org to register.

Bullet Journaling
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 9, 2–4 p.m.
Love to make lists, use colorful pens, scrapbook and stay organized? Then Bullet Journaling is for you! Learn how to create your own customized Bullet Journal at this fun and creative program.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, December 11, 6–8 p.m.
Orlando Public Library, Palm Room
Saturday, December 16, 3 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 18, 7 p.m.
Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Join us for a fun time of creating and coloring. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

Stress Buster Coloring
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 13, 10:15–11:30 a.m.
Life got you stressed? Unwind at the Library. Turn off your phone, unplug your computer and join us for an hour of stress-busting coloring for adults. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Some supplies provided by Community School of the Arts. Program sponsored by Women in the Arts Inc., in partnership with the Orange County Library System.

HUMAN LIBRARY™ ORLANDO
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, December 9, 1–4 p.m.
Join us for an open dialogue among community members aiming to foster a better understanding within our community. Volunteers with different backgrounds will act as books that you as a reader can check out. Launched in Denmark, the Human Library™ was designed to challenge stereotypes through positive dialogue. For more information about the Human Library™, visit humanlibrary.org. Ages 18 and up.
**Mindfulness to Improve Concentration & Decrease Hyperactivity**
Chickasaw Branch
*Saturday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.*
Learn the foundations of mindfulness and what it means to be present. We’ll practice fun, mindful awareness exercises to help train attention, strengthen focus, and settle the body and mind. This event is recommended for parents and kids ages 6–12.

**Savvy Savers**
West Oaks Branch
*Saturday, December 16, 1–3 p.m.*
Save money this holiday season! Become a savvy saver by sharing coupons and savings tips at this monthly meeting.

**The Ghost Society**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
*Sunday, December 17, 2 p.m.*
The Ghost Society is an open forum hosted by The Beyond Investigators paranormal team. Come share your personal experiences, learn what’s new in the field and discuss books and shows in a casual and fun atmosphere. Join us every third Sunday of the month as we explore this interesting field.

**PAINT THE PERFECT GIFT FOR YOURSELF**
Southwest Branch
*Wednesday, December 20, 10:15–11:30 a.m.*
What do you want most for the holiday/winter season? This creative art project allows you to “paint up” the perfect gift for yourself. Part of the Healing Arts Series at Southwest Branch. All supplies provided. No painting or art experience needed. Supplies are limited. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.
Cuisine Corner: Pastelón
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make Pastelón. This savory Puerto Rican dish consists of layered sweet plantains, ground beef, sauce and cheese. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, please visit facebook.com/breakingbreadwithmira.

Eating a Variety of Fruits and Vegetables
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m.
Learn the importance of eating a variety fruits and vegetables and the benefits of including them in your diet. Presented by the UF/IFAS Extension Orange County. Seats are limited. Registration required.

Food 101: Shellfish
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.
The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. In December, learn about different kinds of shellfish and how they’re consumed around the world. Samples are limited. Registration required.

Sugar Shock
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m.
It’s easy to exceed the recommended amount of sugar intake per day. Ever wonder how much sugar is in common drinks? Boost your brain power by learning what to look out for and reducing your sugar intake. Seats are limited. Registration required.

The Perfect Fall Chowder: Hold the Cream, Please!
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Wednesday, December 20, 6:15 p.m.
Chef Jenn of dajeneats.com demonstrates how to make a creamy, dreamy roasted corn chowder, perfect for fall. Skip the dairy, but not the flavor! Space is limited. Registration required.

Cuisine Corner: Holiday Appetizers, Vietnamese bánh mi
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.
Local chef and author Ha Roda shares tips on making Vietnamese bánh mi (sandwiches) for a fun holiday appetizer. Stop by for a demonstration on making Vietnamese bánh mi and tasty samples. Registration required.

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.
Exploring DNA Websites
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 6 p.m.
Explore three DNA testing companies’ websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andme. Learn the differences between the companies and find out how to navigate each company’s website. Explore Gedmatch.com for an overview of the tools they provide to help you analyze your DNA test results.

Do It Yourself DNA Research
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
Spend an evening analyzing your DNA test results. Our Genealogy Specialist will be available to help guide you through roadblocks and assist with answering questions as you conduct your own DNA analysis. You will need to bring your own laptop or mobile device to access your results online.

Using Gedmatch.com to Further Explore Your DNA Test Results
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.
Gedmatch.com is a free website for people who have already tested their autosomal DNA for genealogical purposes. Learn to navigate the website and see how their tools can help you further analyze your DNA and connect with your match results.

Connecting with Cousins: Exploring Your atDNA Test Results
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.
If you have received your autosomal DNA test results and are wondering what to do next then this program is exactly what you need. Join us as we explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your DNA matches. Learn pitfalls that you need to watch out for and discover how to make your DNA results work for you.

Discovering U.S. Census Records
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 6 p.m.
The United States Federal Census has been conducted every 10 years beginning in 1790. Learn what information is contained in each of the censuses and discover how to use all of the various bits of information from the census as clues to further your research.

NGSQ Study Group
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.
Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! Each month we will study and discuss one article from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, focusing on the genealogical techniques presented. The NGSQ is available at the West Oaks Branch. December’s article will be B. Darrell Jackson, “Logic for Genealogists,” National Genealogical Society Quarterly 105 (March 2017): 31–42.

Researching Your Family History Online
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 21, 11 a.m.
Learn how to best utilize the Internet for your family history research. Discover what is and what isn’t online. Become familiar with the leading genealogy websites as well as some lesser known gems and how to search and locate websites that relate to your family history research.

Genealogy Research Writing Formats
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 27, 6:30 p.m.
Befuddled about the different elements of the genealogical writing process? Learn how to write research reports as you actively research. Discover the difference between a compiled genealogy, narrative genealogy, narrative lineage and narrative pedigree. Explore proof summaries and proof arguments.

Organizing Your Family History Research
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Whether you are just beginning your family history quest or are a seasoned researcher who is buried under papers and artifacts, learn how to organize your genealogy documents and do your research in a systematic manner.
Storytime for Grownups!
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, December 4 & 18, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesdays, December 5, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, December 12 & 19, 2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesdays, December 13, 2 p.m.

Why should kids have all the fun? Come to the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up! Each branch will have a unique storytime. Be sure to check out your local branch for unique event details. For more information, visit ocls.info/grownupstorytime.

Sailing Into Your Senior Years
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Elder law attorney, Geoff Hoatson, teaches you how to make your golden years a delightfully smooth cruise! Set a course for preservation – you’ll learn how to protect yourself and everything you hold dear from guardianship, probate and long-term care facilities.

To learn more about Geoff and the Family First Firm, visit FamilyFirstFirm.com.

AGING IN PLACE
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Is it your goal to live in your own house and community as you age? Senior experts will provide information and education on what type of services are available for you to consider while you age in place. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, E-Pro, SFR and Certified Senior Housing Professional. To learn more about YourFloridaHaven, visit yourfloridahaven.com. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291.

Community Resources for Elders
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, December 21, 12:10 p.m.

“Elder resources” sounds like a simple phrase. Yet, the network of services is incredibly complex, ranging from in-home support services, special medical assessment centers, adult day care and more. You’ll walk away with a list of great resources! This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by the Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

Introduction to Pilates for Adults
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, December 5 & 19, 2 p.m.

Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. You will learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose fitting clothing required, yoga mats encouraged. Registration recommended. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323. You are welcome to attend multiple classes.
WHAT’S IN THE VAULT?

Your library card is your ticket to bringing thousands of movie and TV titles home for free. We’ve got the most popular titles, from drama to comedy to action and even an extensive foreign film collection.

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The Vault is a collection of DVDs we’ve gathered and made available by request only. A title is available for home delivery if there is a Request for Home Delivery link next to the title on our web site (not all entertainment DVD titles are available via home delivery due to high demand). There are thousands of titles to choose from, and you can browse the Vault DVD collection online. For more information, visit ocls.info/library-vault.

Skip the Mall, Shop Local

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Check out Gifts & Greetings to find creative and affordable bookish gifts for everyone on your list.

Best of all, our holiday gifts give back. Proceeds from sales benefit the Friends of the Orange County Library System, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization working hard to enhance the innovative programs and resources that OCLS brings to the community.

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Monday–Thursday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m./4–7 p.m.
Friday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
SOUTHWEST BOOK CLUB:
MEET AUTHOR SELINA SIAK CHIN YOKE
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, December 19, 7–8:45 p.m.
Join the Southwest Book Club to meet author Selina Siak Chin Yoke and discuss her Malayan Series: The Woman Who Breathed Two Worlds (Book 1, 2016) and When the Future Comes Too Soon (Book 2, 2017). Each book, which can be read independently and in any order, follows a different generation of the Wong family and tells not only their human story but also the story of the country in which they live, British Malaya. Ages 18 and up.

Of Malaysian-Chinese heritage, Selina Siak Chin Yoke grew up listening to family stories, knowing that one day, she would write. After an eclectic life as a physicist, banker and trader in London, the heavens intervened. In 2009, Chin Yoke was diagnosed with cancer. While recovering, she decided not to delay her dream of writing any longer. The Woman Who Breathed Two Worlds debuted as an Amazon bestseller in historical fiction and was named by Goodreads as one of the six best books in the month of its release.

Meet The Author: Peter Telep
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
#1 New York Times’ bestselling author Peter Telep has penned over 40 novels and collaborated with legendary thriller author Tom Clancy. Peter is also a writing instructor at the University of Central Florida and loves to share his knowledge with students and fans. Enjoy a discussion about his experiences and his latest science fiction book series, Doc Harrison. A book sale and signing will follow the event.

LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 17, 2–4 p.m.
Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.
BOOK CLUBS
ocls.info/bookclubs

Central Florida Book Club
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, December 12, 10:15 a.m.–Noon
Join us on the second Tuesday of each month as we discuss a wide range of books. This month’s title is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

Alafaya Book Club
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 20, 7 p.m.
The Alafaya Book Club’s December selection is *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. When Cora, a slave on a Georgia cotton plantation, meets Caesar, he tells her about the Underground Railroad. They decide to take a terrifying risk and escape, all while relentlessly being chased.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club
South Creek Branch
miércoles, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
jueves, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
martes, 12 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
jueves, 7 y 21 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
martes, 5 de diciembre, 6:30 pm

Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome.

REVISING AND EDITING YOUR WRITING
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
*Saturday, December 2, 2–4 p.m.*
You've finished the first draft and now have a manuscript you need to polish. How do you do this? Where are you to start? Is there a difference between editing and revising? Author Valerie Willis will walk you through those first obstacles, what to expect and how to develop a plan. Let's get your manuscript polished and ready, whether you plan on pitching to agents and publishers, or self-publishing.

Trends in the Children's Book Market:
Rule-breaking, Reinventing and Resisting
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
*Sunday, December 3, 3–5 p.m.*
Lisa Wheeler, author of more than 35 children's books, will discuss how to navigate trends in the Children's Book Market. Learn how to have a long-lived, stable career in the ever-changing world of books for kids. Presented by the Florida Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. florida.scbwi.org.

Writers Group
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
*Sunday, December 10, 4 p.m.*
Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Networking for Writers
South Trail Branch
*Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.*
Networking is a great way to learn about the industry, stay motivated and form connections that will enrich your career. The word may strike fear into writers' hearts, but networking should also be fun and natural. Author Sarah Nicolas will provide tips on effective networking, both online and in-person, to help you take your writing career to the next level.
Did you know you can take free language-learning classes at the library? Attend an ESOL workshop or practice learning a new language at one of our Open Language Labs. To view dates, locations and times, visit ocls.info/events, explore online learning opportunities at ocls.info/language or view our learning English workshops at ocls.info/ESOL.

**Open Language Lab Including ESOL**

**Various Locations**
Explore and learn English or another language of your choice via computer-based learning in an Open Language Lab. Choose from ELLIS, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages. Please check the calendar for language-learning opportunities, dates and times at your local branch.

**Learn English at the Library**
libguides.ocls.info/englishocls
Explore and learn English in a classroom-based learning environment with an ESOL instructor.

**ESL Professional Series**
Southeast Branch
Take courses focusing on interview skills, resume and cover letter writing.

**Practice Makes Perfect**
Various Locations
Join us each week as an Adult Literacy League certified instructor helps you build your confidence. This program is presented through partnerships between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc.

**Speaking Clearly:**
Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
ESOL series focusing on listening comprehension, pronunciation and spoken English.

**Writing Clearly:**
Beginner and Intermediate
Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
ESOL series focusing on grammar and written English.

**Reading Clearly:**
Beginner and Intermediate
Southeast Branch
An English class designed to work on reading skills and strategies to increase reading comprehension. Participants must have a basic understanding of English. Even if participants do not speak English well, they can participate if they understand some English.

**English from Zero**
Southeast Branch, South Trail Branch, Chickasaw Branch, Hiwassee Branch, & Washington Park Branch
ESOL workshops, vocabulary and basic grammar for English learners with no English language skills.

**English Conversation Hour**
Southeast Branch, Chickasaw Branch & South Creek Branch
Practice your English speaking skills and chat with us.

**Improve Your English**
Reading Workshop
Hiwassee Branch
Wednesdays, December 6–20, 6–8 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, December 7 & 14, 1–3 p.m.
Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This event is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adultliteracyleague.org.

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Holiday Showcase: Accordion Craze
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 9, 2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 16, 11:30 a.m.
Get in the holiday spirit with this lively showcase of holiday music by the Central Florida Accordion Club.

Family Holiday Festival
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 2, 1–3 p.m.
Holiday cheer is here! You are invited to a day filled with fun, photos and food. Bring the whole family to have a holiday photo taken, make a holiday bracelet and enjoy holiday stories and crafts for the kids. Apple cider and popcorn will be served while you have the chance to mingle and meet others. Enter to win a fantastic family prize! Registration required.

Winter Film Festival
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Mondays, December 4–18, 11 a.m.
Join us to watch a few of your favorite festive films celebrating winter holidays!
12/4 – Almost Christmas
12/11 – An American Tail
12/18 – Elf

Holiday Eating With No Regrets
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Thursday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.
Evelyn Redcross, of Evelyn’s TO GO, will share how you can stick to your eating plan while enjoying holiday meals. Learn to maintain a healthy balance during all the holiday meals by making healthy dishes that everyone will love, pacing yourself to avoid over eating and resisting temptations while still participating.

Glamour Holiday Hair Accessory Workshop
Washington Park Branch
Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, December 12, 4 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, December 14, 4 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m.
Customize your braided head piece with your choice of hair color, ribbons, jewels and hair glitter to glamorize your hair for the holidays. GlamourKidsBraids.com will show you how to make these detachable hair pieces that can be worn as a headband or over your bun. Recommended for ages 7–17. Space is limited. Registration required. To register call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info.
Hark! The Figgy Pudding!
The History of Carols
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Thursday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.
This musical program is an interactive storytelling event that uncovers the histories behind the most beloved carols and songs. What is a “carol” anyway? Who is the true love in *The Twelve Days of Christmas*? Why was the song *Santa Claus is Coming to Town* based on a tragic event? Discover the secret behind *Deck the Halls* and so much more! Audiences will be treated to dynamic solos and several chances to sing along during this festive seasonal event.

Presents George Balanchine’s
*The Nutcracker*
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Friday, December 1, Noon
Enjoy a screening of George Balanchine’s *The Nutcracker* performed by the New York City Ballet. This screening is brought to you by the Lincoln Center. For more information about Lincoln Center productions, visit lincolncenter.org.

Dickens Holiday Celebration
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, December 16, 11:30 a.m.
Enjoy some fun and festive holiday songs performed by the Orlando Dickens Carolers.
HOUR OF CODE
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 9, 2–4 p.m.
Join the largest learning event in history. Play interactive games, complete self-guided code challenges, take hands-on classes in introductory programing and check out exhibits by local programmers and coding companies.

Ready, Set, Code!
Join the club that codes! In this nine-week club for ages 9–12, you can design your own robots, mobile apps, websites and video games from your first concept to writing the code that brings it to life. Ready, Set, Code! Clubs will meet weekly starting January 28, 2018 at participating locations.

Your Smart Home
Visit the Orlando Public Library to discover some of the latest gadgets and hot devices this gift-giving season! Learn about the latest home automation gadgets. Control appliances, change the temperature in a room or even see who is at the door with the touch of a button or your voice. Check out our assortment of gadgets and share your own projects with others.

Game Design Pro
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, December 12, 6 p.m.
Gain skills like the pros! Collaboratively design a physical game using a microcomputer with software and hardware programming. Hosted by TechPays Foundation, aiming to provide computer science and technology scholarships to underserved boys of color ages 7–18. Space is limited. Registration required. For more information, visit techpays.org.

Join the Force!
It’s Star Wars Week at the Alafaya Branch! Channel your inner Jedi at one of these Star Wars themed technology classes. Take a technology class, you will.

WhizKids: Coloring with Photoshop (Ages 6–8)
Wednesday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.
WhizKids: Make Pop-Up Cards (Ages 6–8)
Thursday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.
WhizKids: Create Animated GIFs (Ages 9–12)
Monday December 11, 4:30 p.m.
WhizKids: Basic Coding (Ages 9–12)
Saturday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.
Adobe Photoshop Fundamentals
Friday, December 15, 2:30 p.m.
Adobe Illustrator Fundamentals
Saturday, December 16, 1 p.m.
CUSTOMIZE YOUR HOLIDAY

From creating slide shows to handmade gift ideas, you will find the help you need to make your family gathering a special and inviting event. Register for a class today!

SEWING: HOLIDAY STOCKINGS
Stockings are a must-have for the holidays. Use a simple pattern and your imagination to create a custom stocking for yourself or as a gift. Learn some basic lining and cuff sewing techniques.

SEWING: HOLIDAY QUILT PANEL
Create a quilted picture, perfect for the holidays. Learn to topstitch a beautiful preprinted panel and make it pop with dimension.

FOR KIDS

Create a Holiday Flyer
Design an eye-catching flyer with graphic and text. Take a deep dive into the world of desktop publishing using Microsoft Publisher.

Create a Holiday Greeting Card Using Publisher
Custom design your greeting cards with graphics and text. Become familiar with the Publisher environment, explore pre-defined templates and formatting options.

Create a Holiday Slideshow
Amaze your family and friends. Create a digital photo album for the holidays. Learn to insert images, movie files and music clips. Add slide transitions and custom timings using Microsoft PowerPoint.

WhizKids: Write a Letter to Santa
Inspire your child to develop a passion for writing. Students will type text and insert graphics in a basic letter while enhancing their typing skills. They will learn the parts of a letter and use common editing tools in Microsoft Word to illustrate creative writing techniques. Ages 6–8.

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Custom design your greeting cards with graphics and text. Become familiar with the Publisher environment, explore pre-defined templates and formatting options. Ages 6–8.

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FOR TEENS

Holiday Gift Bags
It's Sew Easy Camp: Holiday Stockings
Orlando Public Library
Stockings are a must-have for the holidays. Use a simple pattern and your imagination to create a custom stocking for yourself or as a gift. We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Learn to sew a holiday stocking from start to finish with fabric of your choice and professional sewing machines in this three-day camp. Each session will be two hours. Students are required to wear closed-toe shoes to this camp. Supported by the City of Orlando Mayor's Matching Grant. Ages 11–17.
MELROSE HIGHLIGHTS

WESTON HOWARD

MELROSE IN THE MIX: WESTON HOWARD
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, December 3, 3:30 p.m.
Join us in the Melrose Center Audio Studio for a unique live recording session featuring the talented alternative-folk musician Weston Howard. Seating is limited. Registration required. Register at ocls.info/melroseinthemix.
Merry Makers
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursdays, December 7–28, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Make yourself merry this month at the Fab Lab. This class combines Fab Lab electronics with basic crafting and participants will leave with a festive decorative item they have created. This family friendly class features a different project every week. Basic computer skills and experience with a Windows operating system are required. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Melrose Meetups:
Creative Community Meetup
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, December 6, 5:30–7 p.m.
Collaborate and network with other digital media creatives in Central Florida. Bring your portfolios, business cards and flyers to share. Hobbyists, enthusiasts and self-starters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend. This meetup is hosted by Melrose Staff, including Audio, Design, Photo and Video instructors, to bring creatives from different fields together.

YouTube Live Production for Families
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, December 27, 1–4 p.m.
Does your child show interest in becoming a YouTube vlogger, but you don’t know where to begin with helping them get started? Team up with your child in this three-hour video production workshop to get a jump start on your first YouTube channel video. Parent/Guardian must sign up with at least one child. Ages 6 and up.

HOLIDAY FAMILY PHOTOS
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, December 9, Noon–3 p.m.
The holiday season is here! Melrose Center staff would like to invite families and groups to have their holiday-themed portraits taken in the Photo Studio. Come photo-ready and we will have the studio ready for your group photos.
Connect the Dots

Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!
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Join our professional storytellers for storytime designed to help your child develop early literacy skills through picture books, songs, finger plays, movement activities and more.

**TINY TALES** (ages birth–18 months)
- South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

**TODDLER TIME** (ages 18 months–3 years)
- South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.

**STORYBOOK FUN** (ages 3–5 years)
- South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:45 & 11:45 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

**SMARTY PANTS** (ages birth–5 years)
- Edgewater Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
- Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Eatonville Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Hiawassee Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

**CHECK IT OUT: MARVEL UNIVERSE LIVE**
All Locations: December 1–27

Enter for a chance to win a family four-pack of tickets! Check out FIVE items with your juvenile library card December 1–27, and enter for a chance to win a family four-pack of tickets to see Marvel Universe Live from January 12–15 at the Amway Center!

This drawing is only for OCLS juvenile cardholders (0–17 years) with a regular, property owner or fee card in good standing. In-person check out only. Vouchers will not be mailed. Not valid for previous checkouts, home delivery or electronic book downloads. Each library location will award one 4-pack of tickets. Winners will be drawn and notified by January 2. Vouchers must be picked up by January 6 or an alternate winner will be chosen. Vouchers are good for any performance from January 12–15 and can be exchanged for tickets at the Amway Box Office. Call 407.835.7323 for more information.
BABY & TODDLER

Baby Bash
Southwest Branch
Friday, December 1, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your baby to our fun series where we will sing, play and work on developing motor skills. Ages 0–2.

Chilly Critters
North Orange Branch
Friday, December 1, 11 a.m.
Brrr! Who is brave enough to live in the cold? Discover chilly animal friends and their snowy homes with fun stories, crafts and activities. Ages 2–4.

Toddlers G.A.M.E.S.
South Creek Branch
Fridays, December 1–29, 1:30 p.m.
A super fun interactive event for toddlers – growing, active, musical, educational, silly. All towards their mental and physical development.

SMART Start
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 6, 10 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.

Stories & Stretches
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Calling all little yogis and wiggleworms! Join us for a special movement storytime focusing on motor development that is filled with stories, songs and fun! Ages 2–5.

Toddler Spill and Fill
Windermere Branch
Monday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 13, 10 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, December 15, 11 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.
Fill, spill, scoop and pour with your toddler at this event full of funnels, cups, a little mess and more! Ages 2–4.

Party in Your PJs
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 6, 10 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 7, 11 a.m.
Chicksaw Branch
Thursday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, December 15, 10:30 a.m.
Come over for an exciting pajama party just for you! Don't forget to wear your PJs. Get ready for fun with stories, games and crafts! Shoes required. Ages 2–5.

Bubble Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, December 15, 11 a.m.
Chicksaw Branch
Thursday, December 21, 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 23, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.
I SPY WINTER
Chickasaw Branch
*Thursday, December 7, 11 a.m.*
North Orange Branch
*Tuesday, December 12, 11 a.m.*
Orlando Public Library
*Wednesday, December 20, 10 a.m.*
Explore a winter wonderland through a story and hands-on activities to warm up your little fingers. Ages 2–4.

Toddler Fingers, Toes, Hands and Feet!
Chickasaw Branch
*Friday, December 8, 11 a.m.*
Clap and stomp with your toddler at this event filled with a bit of messy art and play. Ages 2–4.

Use Your Hands
Winter Garden Branch
*Saturday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.*
Winter Garden Branch
*Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.*
Bring your toddler or preschooler to participate in activities designed to develop their fine motor skills. Ages 2–6.

Busy Builders
Herndon Branch
*Saturday, December 9 & 23, 11 a.m.*
Come in and join us for some fun independent play and building activities! Ages 1–6.

Sensory Toys
Alafaya Branch
*Monday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.*
Get unplugged and join the fun of learning through play with sensory toys. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Ages 1–3.

Literacy & Locomotion
Southwest Branch
*Monday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.*
Help your child learn by playing as we weave early literacy practices into fun interactive stories, songs, rhythm and dance. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Ages 2–5.

Sticky Toddlers
Windermere Branch
*Monday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.*
West Oaks Branch
*Sunday, December 17, 2:30 p.m.*
Explore all things sticky, from clingy art to gooey explorations, with your toddlers! Come dressed and ready to get a little sticky. Ages 2–4.

Artsy Toddler
Chickasaw Branch
*Friday, December 15, 11 a.m.*
Alafaya Branch
*Monday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.*
Southwest Branch
*Monday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.*
Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Registration recommended. Ages 1–3.

Sleepy Bear
Chickasaw Branch
*Friday, December 22, 11 a.m.*
West Oaks Branch
*Thursday, December 28, 2 p.m.*
Let’s have a fun-filled time learning about bear and his hibernating friends. Interact and explore animal patterns as we snuggle into dreamland. Ages 2–4.
COUNTDOWN TO WINTER
Washington Park Branch
Friday, December 1, 10:15 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 4, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 21, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 27, 10:30 a.m.
4-3-2-1! Winter is coming soon! Help us get ready for winter with fun stories, activities and crafts starring some of our favorite cold weather friends. Ages 3–5.

HAPPY NOON YEAR
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, December 22, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 28, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, December 29, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 30, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 30, 2:30 p.m.
Make some noise and ring in the noon year with your little ones! Join us for fun and games with an exciting countdown at noon. Ages 3–8.

PRESCHOOL
Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, December 1, 11 a.m.
Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. The whole family is welcome.

R is for Robot
Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 14, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 14, 2 p.m.
Shapes, sorting and early math concepts will inspire STEM learning for your little one. Robot fun with crafts, activities and stories. Ages 3–5.

K Ready!
North Orange Branch
Mondays, December 4–18, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, December 6–20, 10:30 a.m.
This eight-part series readies preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, cooperative learning and activities that stimulate the imagination! This series introduces important concepts and skills that align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds. In order to fully experience this series, please register and attend all eight sessions. Call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info/kready for more information. Ages 4–5.

Color Your World
Southeast Branch
Wednesdays, December 6–27, 10 a.m.
Create art with crayons at this weekly event! Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Ages 3–5.

Little Chef: Teddy Bear Toast
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 7, 2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, December 8, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.
You’re never too young to get your start in the kitchen! Kids will learn how to make teddy bear toast for a healthy kids breakfast or a snack. Bring your little one to learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe. This class is a “Mommy or Daddy and me” event. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 3–5.

Kids Corner Crafts
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, December 6–27, 11 a.m.
Come to storytime and stay to create a craft to take home! Crafts will relate to the weekly themes presented by the storytellers. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Ages 3–5.

PBS Kids Time!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.
Every month we learn and explore with our favorite PBS characters! Enjoy a story, craft and episode. This month we’ll learn about math with Peg + Cat! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida’s PBS Station.

Storybook Yoga
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m.

Button Up
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 21, 11 a.m.
Brrr … its cold outside! Be sure to button up before coming to the library. Join us for stories, crafts and activities all about buttons. Ages 3–5.

Puffins Climb, Penguins Rhyme
North Orange Branch
Friday, December 22, 11 a.m.
Waddle with us up to Iceland and back down to Antarctica. Warm up with cozy stories, chill activities and cool crafts. Ages 3–5.

Under the Sea
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 23, 11 a.m.
Travel under the sea and discover all the treasures therein with activities, crafts and more. Ages 3–5.

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Children’s

IT DOESN’T SNOW IN FLORIDA
Washington Park Branch
Monday, December 4, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, December 7, 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, December 8, 3 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 16, 2:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Monday, December 18, 5 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, December 19, 5:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 26, 5 p.m.

It may not snow in Florida, but that doesn’t mean we can’t make our own winter fun! Join us to discover, learn and play with our own version of the mysterious white frozen stuff from up north. Ages 6–12.
The CREATE Space
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, December 1 & 15, 3 p.m.
What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Ages 6–18.

Construction Toys for Kids
Herndon Branch
Saturdays, December 2 & 16, 2 p.m.
Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, K'NEX and Magformers. Ages 6–12.

Handmade Holiday Ornaments
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 2, 2:30 p.m.
Warm up your living spaces with handmade holiday ornaments. Ages 10 and up. Younger children with caregivers are also welcome.

Let It Snow
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, December 2, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 5 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Monday, December 11, 5 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.
These winter activities will brighten the season and keep you cool. Ages 6–12.

Southwest Homeschool Club: Tissue Paper Monet
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 4, 1 p.m.
Learn about the famous artist Claude Monet and make a tissue paper painting to take home. Ages 6–12.

Maker Monday
Alafaya Branch
Mondays, December 4–18, 4:30 p.m.
Makerspaces foster learning through hands-on tinkering and play. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Ages 8–15. Registration required.

How BIG is Big?
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 12, 5 p.m.
Come ready to conduct simple investigations with measurement! We will explore concepts like length and width, heavy or light and more or less. It’s time to find out how BIG is big! Ages 6–12.

Afternoon Art
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each month, then create your own masterpiece. Ages 6–12.

Wishing for Winter
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, December 7, 3 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, December 18, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate the season with cool activities. Ages 6–12.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.
Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. Ages 9–14. This week we are reading *Framed!* by James Ponti, who will be at the next celebration on December 13. See what we are reading next and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info.

Origami Ornaments
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 9, 12:30 p.m.
Learn the art of paper folding and create unique origami decorations! Ages 6–12.

Frosty Florida Crafts
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 9, 1 p.m.
Get crafty for the holidays! Drop-in to celebrate the season with easy projects to gift or keep. Ages 6–12.

Gingerbread House
Southeast Branch
Saturday, December 9, 2 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 27, 3:30 p.m.
Looking for something sweet and tasty to do this winter? Bring your building skills and join us for a gingerbread house decorating program. Registration required. Ages 5–12.

Drop In Chess
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 13, 2 p.m.
Drop in for a game of chess at the library on the third Tuesday of every month! Chess sets are available for play and rule sheets are provided. All ages.

Small World: Australia!
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.
Travel with us as we explore our planet and discover unique cultures through activities, food, language and music. This exciting series will focus on a different country each month! Ages 5–14.
Winter Movieland
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, December 14, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, December 14, 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, December 14, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday–Friday, December 26–29, 10:30 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Friday, December 22, 2 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Friday, December 22, 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday–Friday, December 26–29, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, December 26, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday–Thursday, December 26–28, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday – Thursday, December 26–28, 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a kid friendly film fest that celebrates families of all shapes and sizes. All ages.

Cookie Decorating
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, December 18, 5 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.

Frosting, sprinkles, candy and cookies … what more could you want? Stop in and express your creativity by decorating a sugary treat. Enjoy the best part of all, eating it! Ages 6–18.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop
North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.

Bring your kids to meet our local police officers for cookies and milk! This will be a great time to interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Ages 6–12. Sponsored in part by the Apopka Police Department and Oerther McDonald’s.

Talk Like a Pirate
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 19, 5 p.m.

Celebrate this infamous group with fun pirate-related activities and learn some new pirate lingo. Ages 6–12.

Book Bingo
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, December 19, 6 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 23, 1 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, December 27, 2 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 27, 4:30 p.m.


Painting with Scissors
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.

Learn about famous artist, Henri Matisse, and create your own bold and colorful work of art inspired by his cut paper technique. Ages 6–12.
Cool to Do–Last Minute Gifts
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, December 20, 1 p.m.
Looking for some last minute gift ideas or just love handmade gifts from the heart? Bring the kids to the Edgewater Branch to create some last minute gifts. Ages 6–12.

STEM Club
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 20, 6 p.m.
Come and join us as we have fun with science experiments and building technology with K’NEX, Snap Circuits, littleBits and so much more! Ages 6–12.

Cars 3 Movie Screening
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 23, 2:30 p.m.
Zoom in for a free screening of Cars 3 and a snack. All ages.

Noon Year’s Celebration
Southwest Branch
Friday, December 29, 11:15 a.m.
Join us for our very own children’s version of New Year’s Eve. The fun will include making crafts, noise makers, yummy treats, New Year’s resolutions and counting down to NOON with a balloon drop finale!

Angel Paws to Read
Sign up to practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs. Meet these pups at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.

Melted Snowman Bark
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.
Learn and create a winter-inspired treat to celebrate the season and enjoy a sweet dessert. Registration recommended. Ages 8–18.
Teen Art Adventures:
Colorburst Coasters
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m.
Use sharpies and rubbing alcohol to create colorful designs on tile that can be transformed into a lovely coaster. Ages 11–18.

Game Changer
Afterschool Adventures
Orlando Public Library
Mondays–Thursdays, December 4–21, 4–6 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Mondays–Thursdays, December 4–21, 4–6 p.m.
Gaming and homework help collide at the library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor, and then join your peers for an awesome adventure playing Dungeons and Dragons. Sharpen your pencils and swords, because you’ve never had homework and writing help like this before!

Candy Land Live!
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Sunday, December 10, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 23, 3 p.m.
Calling all Giggly Gumdrops & Cutie Cones for a life-size Candy Land game! Choose your character and let your imagination soar as you make your way down a magical road of sweet surprises! Ages 11–18.

Writing Workshop with James Ponti
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Calling aspiring writers, ages 9–14!
Edgar Award winning writer James Ponti presents a writing workshop for kids and teens with interactive writing exercises and writing tips. Ponti is the author of *Framed!* and the Dead City Trilogy. Ponti has a degree in screenwriting from the University of Southern California and has written and produced television shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, PBS, History Channel and Golf Channel. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration required. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

COLORING TIME
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 5, 4 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, December 18, 4:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 21, 5 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 30, 2:30 p.m.
Dust off the crayons and markers and see if you can stay within the lines as we channel our childhood and color! Ages 11–18.
Summer Style-Winter Party
Washington Park Branch
Monday, December 11, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 26, 2:30 p.m.
Let’s get together to celebrate this winter season, summer-style! Ages 11–18.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Celebration
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.
Join Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of our latest book, Framed! by James Ponti. Meet author James Ponti and get your book signed. Win prizes and be there for the announcement of our next book club title. For more information and to sign up online, visit mayor.ocls.info.

Winter Break: Holiday DIY Crafts
Eatonville Branch
Monday–Thursday, December 18–21, 4–5:30 p.m.
Get crafty for the holidays! Drop in to celebrate the season with easy projects to gift or keep. Ages 9–18. Space is limited. Registration required.

Speed-Date with a Book
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, December 22, 2:30 p.m.
Do you love to read but just don’t know what to read next? We will gather some hot titles and you can have a 5 minute date with each. The perfect book is waiting for you. Ages 13–18.

PLASTIC BAG PRINT MAKING
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 6, 2:15 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, December 6, 6 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, December 28, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 30, 1 p.m.
Let your imagination soar as we create unpredictable and expressive pieces of art by painting with plastic bags. Ages 11–18.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.
Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. Ages 9–14. This month we are reading Framed! by James Ponti, who will be at the next celebration on December 13. See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info.

Teen Library Corps
All Locations
Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps and give back a little “TLC” to your library and your community. Plan programs, help out at events, give suggestions for teen services, meet new people and earn community service hours for school. If you are between the ages of 13–18 and love to have fun, join TLC today! For more information, call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info/TLC.

Gaming at the Library!
If you love gaming like we love gaming, come get your game on at the library! Join us for action-packed fun at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/GamingEvents for dates, times and locations.
## LOCATIONS

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<td>West Oaks Branch &amp; Genealogy Center</td>
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### Sunday Hours:

- **OCLS Renewal Line**
  - Take advantage of renewing your items and checking your account information via the 24/7 Renewal Line at 407.316.0021. Using your bar code number on your library card and on checked out items you can renew all items, or check on holds and fines.

### CLOSURES

#### Christmas

The Orange County Library System will be closed Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. All locations will resume normal hours on Tuesday, December 26!

#### Día de Navidad

El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el domingo, 24 de diciembre y el lunes, 25 de diciembre debido a la conmemoración del Día de Navidad. El sistema de bibliotecas abrirá en sus horas regulares el martes, 26 de diciembre.

#### New Year’s

The Orange County Library System will closed Sunday, December 31 and Monday, January 1. All locations will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 2. Happy New Year!

#### Año Nuevo

El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el domingo 31, de diciembre y el lunes 1, de enero debido a la conmemoración del Año Nuevo. El sistema de bibliotecas abrirá en sus horas regulares el lunes, 2 de enero. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

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**Social Media**

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*Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or program due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location where the event is held at least seven days prior to the program.*

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